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S.B. No. 386

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the ability of public school employees to communicate
3 with members of a school district board of trustees.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 11.163, Education Code, is amended by
6 adding Subsections (d) and (e) to read as follows:

7 (d) The employment policy must:

8 (1) permit school district employees to communicate
9 directly with a member of the board of trustees without restriction
10 regarding a matter relating to the operation of the district; and

11 (2) provide that a trustee receiving a communication
12 from a district employee may keep the identity of the employee
13 confidential.

14 (e) A member of the board of trustees may inquire about the
15 substance of a communication from a district employee at a board of
16 trustees meeting. The inquiry is subject to Section 551.042,
17 Government Code, except that the trustees may also propose and
18 decide that the substance of the inquiry be investigated and
19 reported to the board at a subsequent meeting.

20 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
21 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
22 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
23 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
24 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.